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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

Town Clerk

BARBARA CAMPBELL

Treasurer

STERLING COLBY

Selectmen

Highway Agent

ARNOLD C. CAMPBELL

Auditors

FREDERICK C. GOFFE ERDINE MacDOUGALL

Supervisors

Ballot Clerks

Tax Collector

FRANK P. HAYES, JR.

Chief of Police
DAVID A. CAMPBELL

Police Officers

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL	SYLVESTER A. REID
FRED McQUESTEN	JOHN JANOSZ
JOHN BURNS, JR.	FRANCIS SMITH

Constable
ALLEN M. KENDALL

Forest Fire Warden
FRED McQUESTEN

Deputy Fire Wardens
SYLVESTER A. REID DAVID A. CAMPBELL
ROY H. CAMPBELL ROBERT GODDARD

Fire Department
ROBERT JERRY, Chief
FRANCIS SMITH, Deputy Chief
CHARLES PARKER, Deputy Chief

Health Officer
RICHARD C. LEACH

Library Trustees
FREDERICK C. GOFFE DAVID A. CAMPBELL
CORABEL COLBY HELEN PARKER
WILLIAM McELWAIN RICHARD C. LEACH

Librarian
FLORENCE C. CENTER

Moderator School District
CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

Clerk School District
LEWIS C. GOFFE

Treasurer School District
GLADYS A. LOCKE

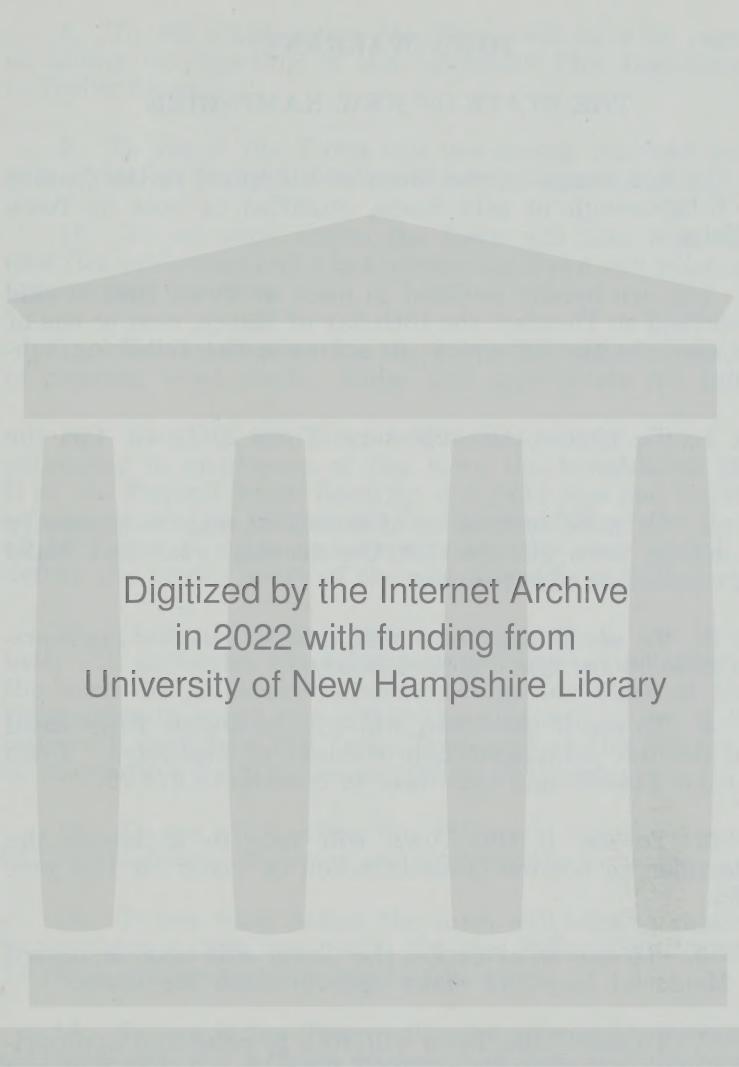
School Board
OLIVE CAMPBELL CLIFFORD MacDOUGALL
LEON CALAWA, JR.

Auditors School District
EDWIN B. HILL HELEN M. PARKER

Trustees Town Trust Funds
DAVID A. CAMPBELL CLIFFORD MacDOUGALL
CYRUS E. WILSON

Fence Viewing
CHARLES B. CAMPBELL IRA D. FORD
JAMES T. COLBY, JR.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber
CHARLES B. CAMPBELL IRA D. FORD
JAMES T. COLBY, JR.



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TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Litchfield on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, next at one of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate \$250.00 for the Public Library.
4. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid for the permanent improvement of highways. Town to raise \$146.22 and the State to contribute 974.79.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes for the year 1956.
6. To see what action the Town will take in regard to Memorial Day and make appropriation for same.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$50.00 (less than 1/100th of one percent of the Town's assessed valuation) to the Merrimack Valley Region Association as the Town's proportionate share in publicizing and promoting all interests in this Region, or act in relation thereto.

8. To see what action the Town will take in regard of selling or disposing of the Litchfield Fire Department —Trailer pump.

9. To see if the Town will use money received from sale of trailer pump towards purchase of a new truck.

10. To see what action the Town will take regarding new fire equipment and what money the Town will raise and appropriate for same.

11. To see what action the Town will take in regards of clearing wood roads. Raise and appropriate for same.

12. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the town the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of 2% to defray the town's share of the cost thereof.

13. If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to execute on behalf of the town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the town will designate the Town Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

14. To see what action the Town will take in regards to Civil Defense. To raise and appropriate for same.

15. To see what action the town will take in regards to purchase a two way radio for the Police Department. To raise and appropriate money for same.

16. To see if the Town will take any action towards obtaining data for a Town History and raise and appropriate money for the same.

17. To see if the Town will vote to sell a portion of the Bixby lot adjacent to the Charles Bancroft Highway and the lower Derry Road.

18. To see what action the Town will take in regards to White Pine Blister, raise and appropriate money for same.

19. To see what action the Town will take in regards to developing parking lot next to Town Hall formerly of E. Repman.

20. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting and read minutes of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

ROLAND J. LEVESQUE

FRED McQUESTEN

GEORGE L. ADAMS

Selectmen of Litchfield

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ROLAND J. LEVESQUE

FRED McQUESTEN

GEORGE L. ADAMS

Selectmen of Litchfield

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and Lot	\$ 5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	175.00
Library Building and Lot	24,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	800.00
Fire Department	3,500.00
School Building and Lot	17,000.00
Equipment	2,500.00
Highway Equipment	1,000.00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT SUMMARY INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings	\$602,561.00
Electric Plants	108,700.00
Horses (8)	575.00
Neat Stock (5)	200.00
Cows (71)	5,325.00
Hogs (2)	50.00
Fowls (2,625)	1,970.00
Portable Mills (2)	600.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks (24)	3,175.00
Stock in Trade	500.00
Mills and Machinery	20,680.00
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	\$633,460.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind	\$ 25,000.00
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	\$608,460.00

Estimated Revenue From:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 131.77
Savings Bank Tax	13.53
Reimbursement a/c State Land	24.78
Reimbursement a/c Growing Wood & Timber	870.97
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,000.00
Dog Licenses	105.00
Interest on Taxes	76.72

	\$3,222.77

TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR

Property Taxes	\$35,047.30
Poll Taxes	464.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	96.00
Timber Yield Tax	215.90
State Head Tax, 277 @ \$5.00	1,385.00
Tax Rate \$57.60 per \$1,000.00 Valuation	

**COMPARATIVE LIST OF
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
AND BUDGET**

	Appropriations Previous Year 1955	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1955	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1956
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 720.00	\$ 696.00	\$ 700.00
Town Officers' Expense	825.00	444.53	525.00
Election and Registration Expenses	200.00	438.50	500.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	475.00	29.00	75.00
Police Department	500.00	779.71	600.00
Fire Department	350.00	316.19	350.00
Insurance—Workmen	100.00	162.00	175.00
Health Department, Including Hospitals		11.20	25.00
Ambulance	50.00	66.00	50.00
Town Dump	100.00	139.10	100.00
Town Maint.—Summer	500.00	614.69	500.00
Town Maint.—Winter	800.00	727.12	800.00
Forest Fire	300.00	129.97	300.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	100.00	44.00	100.00
Town Road Aid	146.25	276.28	146.25
Library	250.00	250.00	250.00
Town Poor	60.00	114.60	60.00
Old Age Assistance	480.00	578.49	300.00
Memorial Day	50.00	74.00	50.00
Cemeteries	100.00	12.00	100.00
On Temporary Loans — Interest	70.00	100.00	100.00
New Land & Buildings		500.00	
Damages & Legal Expenses, Inc. Dog Damage	50.00		50.00
County Taxes	2,200.00	2,848.66	2,848.66
School Taxes	36,492.63	26,700.00	36,768.45
Total Expenditures	\$44,918.88	\$36,146.72	\$45,472.76

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1955	\$13,202.08
Uncollected Tax 1955	3,815.75
Uncollected Tax 1954	545.04
Uncollected Head Tax 1955	378.55
Uncollected Timber Tax 1955	115.90
Reimbursement From State on Growing Wood and Timber	547.73

	\$22,005.48

Liabilities

Due School District 1955	
Appropriations	\$17,196.62
Due M. Morency, Painting	
Town Hall	350.00
Uncollected Head Tax 1955	378.55
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	4,080.31

	\$22,005.48

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$2,530.38
Dog Licenses	95.00

	\$2,625.38

BARBARA CAMPBELL
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1955 Warrant (Prop., Poll, Bank Tax)		\$35,603.30
Paid Sterling Colby, Treasurer	\$28,205.12	
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1955	7,398.18	
		\$35,603.30

RECEIVED

Total Payments to Sterling Colby:

1955 Tax (Prop., Poll & Bank)	\$28,205.12
1954 Tax (Prop., Poll)	3,736.42
1953 Tax (Prop., Poll)	101.34
1952 Tax (Prop.)	12.64
1951 Tax (Prop.)	12.66
1955 Savings Interest	1.04
1954 Tax Interest	63.31
1953 Tax Interest	2.66
1952 Tax Interest	1.76
1951 Tax Interest	2.53
1954 Timber Tax	394.24
1955 Head Tax	810.00
1954 Head Tax	350.00
1953 Head Tax	15.00
1955 Head Tax Penalties	2.50
1954 Head Tax Penalties	27.50
1953 Head Tax Penalties	1.50

Total Received \$33,740.22

1955 Warrant	\$ 35,237.30	462.00	1,385.00	222.28
Collected	27,927.12	278.00	810.00	0
1955 Uncollected	\$ 7,310.18	184.00	575.00	222.28
1954 Uncollected	104.30	18.00	20.00	0
1953 Uncollected	55.84	0	0	0

COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES

Allowance for attending meeting—Manchester	\$ 5.00
Mileage — Bank deposits, withdrawals, collection and appointments	21.84
Postage, Supplies and Tax Forms	21.75
Head Tax Expense \$1,130.00 @ 3%	33.90

	\$ 82.49

ABATEMENTS

1955	\$ 131.62
1954	126.00
	18.00
	45.00

FRANK P. HAYES, JR.

Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance on hand, December 31, 1954	\$13,112.06
Received from :	
F. P. Hayes, Collector	
1951 Property Tax	12.66
1951 Interest	2.53
1952 Property Tax	12.64
1952 Interest	1.76
1953 Poll Tax	6.00
1953 Head Tax	15.00
1953 Head Tax Penalties	1.50
1953 Property Tax	95.34
1953 Interest	2.66
1954 Poll Tax	108.00
1954 Head Tax	350.00
1954 Head Tax Penalties	27.50
1954 Propety Tax	3,628.42
1954 Interest	63.31
1954 Yield Tax	394.24
1955 Poll Tax	278.00
1955 Head Tax	810.00
1955 Head Tax Penalties	2.50
1955 Property Tax	27,831.12
National Bank Stock	96.00
Bank Interest	1.04
Barbara Campbell, Town Clerk	
Motor Vehicle Permits	2,530.38
Dog Licenses	95.00
State Treasurer	
General Prevention of Fires	16.10
State's Share — Forest Fires	36.18
Savings Bank Tax	10.53
a/c Woodlands Tax Loss 1954	323.24
Old Age Assistance — Recovery	105.45
Selectmen	
Use of Fire Equipment	12.50
Memorial Day Refund	24.00

Town Trustees	
Loans — Temporary	5,000.00
Gladys Locke, Treasurer	
Overdraft — School District	366.50
Amoskeag National Bank	
Interest on Town Money	12.83
Mechanics Savings Bank	
Interest on Town Money	60.00
Manchester National Bank	
Loan — Temporary	2,992.50
Refund of Interest	2.50
French Agency	
Return Premium on Insurance	15.00
Leo Barlow	
Timber Tax	100.00
Adrien Labrie	
Deposit on Lumber	100.00
Fred McQuesten	
Rent of Land	30.00
<hr/> Total Receipts	<hr/> \$58,684.99

Disbursements

Paid Selectmen's Orders	\$45,482.91
Balance on hand, December 31, 1955	\$13,202.08

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR FOR 1955

Property taxes	\$35,047.30
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Leo Barlow		
Timber Tax		100.00
Adrien Labrie		
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Fred McQuesten		
Rent of Land		30.00
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1955 .		<hr/> \$13,202.08

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS
TOWN OFFICER'S SALARIES

Town Clerk, Barbara Campbell	\$ 50.00
Town Treasurer, Sterling Colby	50.00
Selectman, Roland Levesque	100.00
Selectman, George Adams	150.00
Selectman, Fred McQuesten	100.00
Tax Collector, Frank P. Hayes, Jr.	125.00
Chief of Police, David A. Campbell	50.00
Fire Chief, Robert Jerry	50.00
Trustee, David Campbell	7.00
Trustee, Wilfred Allen, Est.	7.00
Trustee, Clifford MacDougall	7.00
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TOWN OFFICER'S EXPENSES

N. H. Assessors Dues	\$ 3.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc. Supplies	19.11
Ida M. Homer, Tax Collectors Ass'n. Dues	3.00
Wm. G. Berry, Town Officers' Bonds	83.10
Frank P. Hayes, Jr., Tax Collector—Mileage, Postage and Supplies	82.49
Frank P. Hayes, Jr., Tax Collector, Head Tax	
Charles R. Hardy, Town Clerk Ass'n. Dues	2.00
Barbara Campbell, Town Clerk, Postage, Tel., Dog Licenses — Motor Permits	189.90
George L. Adams, Selectmen, Tel., Mileage and Meetings	5.00
Roland Levesque	27.53
B. A. Degasis	5.85
Donat Corriveau	4.06
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	\$425.04

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Sophia Adams, Ballot Clerk	\$ 9.00
Florence Center, Ballot Clerk	9.00
Sylvester A. Reid, Ballot Clerk	9.00
Jean Leach, Ballot Clerk	9.00
Doris Goffe, Supervisor of Check List	33.00
Elizabeth C. Morrill, Supervisor of Check List	33.00
Lizzie B. Leach, Supervisor of Check List	33.00
Charles B. Campbell, Moderator	9.00
Donald McQuesten, Ballots	59.50
Maxfield Press, Town Reports	220.00
Phyllis Jerry	9.00

	\$438.50

TOWN HALL

Public Service Co., Electrical Energy	\$ 21.00
Fred McQuesten, Janitor Service	8.00
Harold & Maude French, Insurance	44.10

	\$ 73.10

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Archie Slawsby Ins.	\$110.69
Harold & Maude French, Ins., Audit	7.69
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	\$118.38

FOREST FIRE REPORT

Training Meeting	\$ 32.20
May Fire	58.30
August Fire	18.80
Tools	10.67
Sylvester A. Reid, Rep. fire Equip.	10.00
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	\$129.97

Received from State	43.40
Use of Fire Truck	12.50
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	\$ 55.90

Cost to Town	74.07
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SNOW REMOVAL

A. Campbell & Helper, Plowing Snow	\$500.37
Leo Gosselin, Water Hole	20.00
Gardner Guffin, Water Hole	18.00
Merrimack Farmers	124.00
Wirthmore Grain Co.	64.75
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	\$727.12

TOWN DUMP

Leo Sullivan	\$ 16.00
Arnold Campbell, Labor	55.50
Fred McQuesten	10.00
Frank Kennedy	50.00
Henry Fraser, Signs	7.00

	\$138.50

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Sawyers Funeral Home	\$20.00
Police Department of Nashua	46.00

	\$66.00

PAYMENT OF TEMPORARY LOAN IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

Town Trustees	\$5,000.00
Interest	100.00
Manchester National	3,000.00
Interest	5.00

	\$8,105.00

LAND PURCHASE

Mrs. E. Repman	\$500.00
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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TREASURER	
County Tax	\$2,848.66

ABATEMENTS REFUNDED

Frank P. Hayes, Jr., Tax Collector	\$329.74
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CLEARING WOOD ROADS

Fred McQuesten	\$ 36.40
S. A. Reid	26.40
R. A. McQuesten	26.40
Howard Parker	15.00
(Turned over to Volunteer Fire Dept Fund)	

	\$104.20

HEAD TAX

State Treasurer, Head Tax	\$1,006.45
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TOWN MAINTENANCE

Arnold Campbell	\$614.69
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GENERAL EXPENSES OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Arnold Campbell	\$ 44.00
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LIBRARY

Frederick C. Goffe, Treasurer, Library Trustees	\$250.00
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TOWN POOR

Fred McQuesten, Telephone and Mileage	\$ 10.00
Robert Talent, Burial Expenses	100.00
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	\$110.00

CEMETERIES

Arnold Campbell, Mowing	\$12.00
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OLD AGE

State of New Hampshire	\$578.49
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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Gladys A. Locke, 1954 Appropriation	\$13,633.50
Gladys A. Locke, 1955 Appropriation	13,066.50
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	\$26,700.00

RECORDING DEEDS AND MORTGAGES

Hillsborough County Registry Deeds	\$ 10.29
C. Edward Bourassa	.20
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	\$ 10.49

POLICE DEPARTMENT

David Campbell, Chief of Police, Mileage, Hours	
telephone	50.00
David Campbell, salary	281.24
Francis Smith	65.09
Sylvester Reed	69.40
John Janocz	11.00
Fred McQuesten	41.50
Leslie Cota	5.00
George Adams	5.00
Civil Defence Police Radio	224.05
White Cross Store, batteries	4.20
Allied Marking Device	23.23
\$779.71	

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

French Insurance Agency	23.55
Battery	37.05
Gasoline	11.19
12 months rent for Fire Truck @ \$17.50 per month	210.00
Gasoline	4.65
Set of Truck Flapps	7.00
Pipe fittings & parts	12.75
Secretary salary, K. Safford	10.00
\$316.19	

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Richard Leach	11.20
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REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TOWN TRUST FUNDS ALPHONSE H. POWERS CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1954 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$104.45
Dec. 31, 1955 Dividend	3.41
\$107.86	
Paid Out	3.66
\$104.20	

ROAD AGENT REPORT

Winter Roads

Snow Plow

Arnold Campbell & Truck	\$203.10
David Campbell & Truck	51.30
Sylvester Reid	4.40
Richard Snetsinger	4.40

	\$263.20

Salting Roads

Fred McQuesten	\$ 88.85
Sylvester Reid	58.40
Andy Sevigney	29.70
Robert McQuesten	6.60
Arnold Campbell	11.60
David Campbell	2.20

	\$197.35

Snow Fence

Arnold Campbell	\$ 22.00
Camille St. Armond	7.15
David Campbell	12.65
Fred Mayo	5.50
Robert Skiles	5.50

	\$ 52.80

Material Purchased

Merrimack Farmers — salt	\$124.00
Wirthmore Grain — salt	143.20
David Campbell — oil	.72

	\$267.92

Repairs to Snow Plow

R. C. Hazelton Co.	\$ 3.00
Fullers Garage	16.85

	\$ 19.85

Total

\$801.52

Summer Maintenance

Cutting Brush, Patching & Scraping & Repairing Roads

Arnold Campbell truck & tractor	\$ 191.25
Fred McQuesten	47.60
Robert McQuesten	33.00
Sylvester Reid	42.90
Kenwood Tibedeau	31.90
David Campbell	49.20
Howard Legalle	3.30
Robert Jerry use of Grader	5.50
Frank Kennedy — Bulldozer	25.00
Town of Hudson Tarring old Derry Road	57.84
Town of Hudson — Cold Patch	42.00
Arnold Campbell Hgw. Meeting in Manchester	6.00
Fred McQuesten Hgw. Meeting in Manchester	5.00
Hume Pipe of New England	5.80
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Total	\$546.29
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Total Summer	\$ 546.29
Total Winter	801.52
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Total for year 1955	\$1,347.81

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- 18 Accidents reported.
- 6 Arrests, speeding.
- 3 Arrests, crossing solid yellow line.
- 1 Arrest, passing stopped school bus.
- 3 Arrests, excessive speed.
- 46 Warnings issued.
- 3 Emergency runs to hospital.
- 1 Case, breaking and entering.
- 2 Cases, runaway children.
- 4 Prison escapees captured.
- 1 Tree blocking highway, removed and traffic handled.
- 1 Case dog bite, reported.
- 2 Dogs turned over to humane society.
- 3 Dogs returned to owners.
- 1 Dog disposed of.
- 4 Dogs reported struck and killed, owners notified.
- 2 Persons lost in woods.
- 48 Calls and complaints.
- 1 Hunter shot, removed to hospital.
- 3 Assisting other departments.
- 11 Calls from other departments.

This past year we have checked several places while the owners were on vacation. We are glad to do it if you notify us when you leave. The department had a busy year. This is to be expected with the increased growth of a community. We are happy to report that we do not have a juvenile problem in Litchfield.

The department added a new officer, Francis Smith, this past year. A long time resident, he is proving to be a very capable officer. In the capture of the escapees we were fortunate to apprehend them quickly. I am proud of the manner in which my officers responded to this task.

DAVID CAMPBELL

Chief of Police

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

35. Permits. (B) No person, firm or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or shall burn or cause to be burned any material, and no city or town shall kindle or maintain a fire or a public dump, in or near woodlands, pasture, brush, sprout, waste, or cut-over land, or where fire may be communicated to such land, except when the ground is covered with snow, without first obtaining a written permit from the forest fire warden of the town where the burning is to be done unless the same is in the presence of the warden or his agent.

36. Liability for Fires Without Permit. Any person causing or kindling a fire without permit of the forest fire warden, when such permit is required, and any person by whose negligence or the negligence of this agent any fire shall be caused, shall be liable in a civil action for the payment to the town, or the state or both, of the expenses incurred by the forest fire warden or deputy warden in attending or extinguishing such fire.

Forest Fire Wardens Report:

Number of fires	2
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Acres Burned	2½
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Number of Permits Issued	3
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FRED McQUESTEN

Forest Fire Warden

ZOE WHITTEMORE CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1954	Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$113.49
Dec. 31, 1955	Dividend	3.71
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		\$117.20
Paid Out		9.00
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		\$108.20

MARY L. MARSH CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1954	Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$107.14
Dec. 31, 1955	Dividend	3.50
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		\$110.64
Paid Out		7.14
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		\$103.50

JOHN A. CORNING & GEORGIA WATTS CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1954	Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$107.83
Dec. 31, 1955	Dividend	3.51
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		\$111.34
Paid Out		7.83
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		\$103.51

SELAH BIXBY CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1954	Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$1,603.48
Dec. 31, 1955	Dividend	52.52
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		\$1,656.00
Paid Out		37.37
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		\$1,618.63

FRANKLIN S. BANCROFT CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1954	Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$209.34
Dec. 31, 1955	Dividend	6.85
		—————
		\$216.19
Paid Out		4.50
		—————
		\$211.69

CHARLES G. PARKER CEMETERY FUND

Dec. 31, 1954	Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$127.19
Dec. 31, 1955	Dividend	4.17
		—————
		\$131.36
Paid Out		9.00
		—————
		\$122.36

JOHN KENNARD LIBRARY FUND

Dec. 31, 1954	Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$530.70
Dec. 31, 1955	Dividend	17.37
		—————
		\$548.07

SELAH BIXBY LIBRARY FUND

Dec. 31, 1954	Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$116.66
Dec. 31, 1955	Dividend	3.81
		—————
		\$120.47

BANCROFT HIGHWAY FUND

Dec. 31, 1954	Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$1,362.68
Dec. 31, 1955	Dividend	28.37
Interest Town of Litchfield	\$1,000.00 loan	20.00
		—————
		\$1,411.05

AARON CUTLER LIBRARY FUND

Dec. 31, 1954 Balance Manchester Savings Bank	\$4,039.20
Interest and Dividends for 1955	867.95
Interest, Town of Litchfield \$4,000.00 loan	80.00
	—————
	\$4,987.15
Paid Treasurer Library Trustees	\$1,000.00
Paid Safety Deposit Box Rent	11.00
	—————
	\$1,011.00
Balance for year of 1955	\$3,976.15
U. S. Bonds	\$3,200.00
	—————
	\$7,176.15
Estimated Value Stocks	\$13,300.00
DAVID CAMPBELL	
CLIFFORD M. MacDOUGALL	
CYRUS E. WILSON	
	Trustees

BUILDING REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD FOR 1955

No. of Permits for New Buildings	12
No. of Permits for Alterations	2
	—————
Total	14
One permit was issued for a Motorcycle Repair Shop	
	D. MacDOUGALL
	Building Inspector
	ROLAND J. LEVESQUE
	FRED McQUESTEN
	GEORGE L. ADAMS
	Selectmen

Audited by:

FREDERICK GOFFE
ERDINE MacDOUGALL

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOG

December 31, 1954 — December 31, 1955

General

Andrews, Nook Farm	6026
Boyle, Out West	6065
Brown, ed., Present Tense	6028
Caffin, Guide to Pictures	6000
Canby, Turn East, Turn West	6031
Carson, Edge of the Sea	6060
Cook, Passage to Walden	6030
Dewey, Journey to the Far Pacific	6006
Eberlein, Practical Book of Chinaware	6010
Herrmann, Conquest by Man	6014
Hobson, Nothing too Good for a Cowboy	6066
Inglis, Wild Flower Studies	6051
MacDonald, Onions in the Stew	6007
Morris, Little Book of Friendship	6013
New Hampshire Manual of the General Court	6002
O'Kane, The Cabin	6058
Peirce, Fire on the Hearth	6029
Rich, Innocence under the Elms	6033
Sachs, Madern Prints and Drawings	6017
Scott, Marmion	6012
Sears, Gleanings from Shaker Journals	6008
Shakespeare, Julius Ceasar	6011
Sloane, American Barns and Covered Bridges	6032
Tabe, Stillmeadow Daybook	6067
Whiting and Hough, Whaling Wives	6027
Woodbury, John Goffe's Legacy	6064

Fiction

Abbott, Open Way	6054
Cadell, Lark Shall Sing	6057
Cartnell and Grayson, Golden Argosy	6004
Daniels, Land Grabbers	6025
Evans, Outlaws' Code	6020
Field, Riders of the Outlaw Trail	6024
Forester, Good Shepherd	6019
Fox, Rawhide Years	6022

Holden, Snow Fury	6062
Jameson, Hidden River	6015
MacDonald, Comache Scalp	6037
Mann, Gallant Warrior	6063
Markandaya, Nectar in a Sieve	6023
Marquand, Thirty Years	6003
Morley, Haunted Bookshop	6076
Morley, Parnassus on Wheels	6077
Oldenbourg, The Cornerstone	6001
Queen, The King is Dead	6035
Patton, Good Morning, Miss Dove	6005
Ruark, Something of Value	6018
Sinclair, Eleventh Hour	6036
Taylor, Farewell to Valley Forge	6016
Vining, Virginia Exiles	6021
Wentworth, Listening Eye	6038
Wilson, Man in the Gray Flannel Suit	6061
Yates, Prudence Crandall	6059

Juvenile

Bailey, Picture Book of Colorado	6044
Bailey, Picture Book of Kansas	6046
Bailey, Picture Book of Oregon	6045
Baker, Talking Tree	6043
Bard, Best Friends	6069
Berman, When You Were a Little Baby	6073
Cooke, Valley of Rebellion	6039
Hall, Picnic for Judy	6053
Hall, Star Island Again	6041
Hark, Market House Mystery	6074
Hildreth, At Play	6056
Hildreth, Fun in Story	6055
Honness, Great Gold Piece Mystery	6047
Honness, Mystery of the Doll Hospital	6075
Hunt, Miss Jellytot's Visit	6070
Jackson, Rising Star	6040
Leaf, Lucky You	6049
Lenski, San Fransisco	6048
Mariana, Doki	6050
Parton, Year without a Summer	6034
Poston, Mystery of the Eighth Horse	6068
Pratt, Flash of Washington Square	6071
Reynolds, "Karen Present"	6052
Slobodkin, Wonderful Feast	6072

Resources

Number of Volumes at beginning of year	5871
Number of Volumes added	77
Number of volumes discarded or lost	8
Total at end of year	5940

Services

Number of volumes loaned to adults	432
Number of volumes loaned to children	702
Magazines, pamphlets, maps, etc., loaned	207
Total circulation	1341

Donations

Books: Dr. D. W. Bradt, Mr. Russell Hammond, Miss Dorothy Laughlin; Magazines: Mrs. Ray H. Campbell, Miss Mary Helen Colby, Mrs. Howard Legallee, Miss Florence Center; Banners, Records, Pictures, etc: Mrs. H. C. Leach and Simeon Leach.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE C. CENTER,
Librarian.

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

Appropriation	\$50.00
Donations	13.75
	\$63.75

EXPENSES

Flowers, Flags, Refreshments	\$39.75
Balance	\$24.00
Donation to N. H. Marine Memorial	\$24.00

Respectfully yours,

ROLAND J. LEVESQUE



SCHOOL DISTRICT



SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Litchfield qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district in the 17th day of March, 1956, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30.28 for the purpose of purchasing Workmen's Compensation Insurance for the District Employees and authorize the School Board to sign an acceptance with the New Hampshire Department of Labor.

10. To see if the town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the town benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 101 of the Revised Statutes Annotated Amended by Chapters 301 and 332 of the Laws of 1955 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42.00 to defray the town's share of the cost thereof.

11. To see if the town wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions filled by popular election.

12. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$967.08 for the purchase of Insurance (Buildings in the amount of \$765.00, contents of buildings \$84.00, boiler and heating apparatus \$127.08).

13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Litchfield this 11 day of February 1956

OLIVE CAMPBELL
CLIFFORD McDougall
LEON CALAWA, JR.

School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

OLIVE CAMPBELL
CLIFFORD McDougall
LEON CALAWA, JR.

School Board

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

To the Citizens of Litchfield:

In the past year we have completed the new three room addition to the school and remodeled the lunch-room so that now lunches are served cafeteria style. We hope the citizens and taxpayers are as proud of these additions as we the School Board and Building Committee are. We wish to thank the Building Committee and all the others who helped us to achieve this goal.

We are fortunate to have the services of five teachers who are doing excellent work with our school children. Mr. Boska, our principal has the seventh and eighth grades, Miss Ware fifth and sixth grades, Mrs. Gibson third and fourth grades, Miss Laughlin in second grade, Mrs. Tetrault who for the second year has the first grade. We owe Mrs. Lila Copp a debt of gratitude for starting out the year for us in the fifth and sixth grades.

We would like to take this time to point out to the people of the town that Litchfield being between two cities the size of Nashua and Manchester where the salary scale is higher and the need for teachers so great that if we do not raise our teachers salaries so that we can at least compete with other towns and cities we are going to find it increasingly difficult to keep good teachers.

The Board wishes to thank The Men's Club for their donation towards the steam-table in the cafeteria, The Golden Bands for the electric mixer, The Police Association for the piano, The P.T.A. for the recreational equipment. Such thoughtful consideration and interest on the part of its citizens helps not only the school but the town as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVE CAMPBELL

CLIFFORD McDougall

LEON CALAWA, JR.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1956-57

School District of Litchfield

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations for the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 182.00	\$ 182.00	\$ 412.00
Superintendent's Salary (local share)	163.25	221.25	216.00
Tax for State Wide Supervision	162.00	220.00	300.00
Salaries of other Adm. personnel	162.00	280.00	317.04
Supplies and exp. of Administration	214.25	265.50	299.56
Principal's and teachers' Salaries	9,090.00	14,740.00	15,500.00
Books and Other Instructional Aids	242.00	308.00	472.50
Scholars' Supplies	286.00	368.50	535.50
Supplies and other exp. of Instr.	75.00	110.00	200.00
Salaries of Janitors	700.00	950.00	1,100.00
Fuel or Heat	600.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses	300.00	550.00	1,000.00
Repairs and Replacements	100.00	100.00	250.00
Health Supervision	235.10	233.48	233.48
Transportation	2,700.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Tuition	5,650.00	5,580.00	6,510.00
Special Activities and Special Funds	666.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Retirement	605.28	988.90	1,041.75
Insurance, Treasurer's Bonds & Exp.	10.00	45.00	
New Equipment	300.00	300.00	350.00
Principal of Debt			3,500.00
Interest on Debt		1,050.00	1,230.62
Additions & Improvements			100.00
 Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget	 \$22,442.88	 \$31,492.63	 \$88,768.45
Budget Deficiency Appropriation	3,000.00		
 Less State Aid	 \$34,492.63		
	2,000.00		
 Estimated Income to District	 \$32,492.63		
State Aid	809.38		2,000.00
 Assessment Required to Balance School Board's Budget	 \$21,633.50		 \$36,760.45

MRS. OLIVE CAMPBELL

MR. CLIFFORD MacDOUGALL

MR. LEON CALAWA, JR.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

School District of Litchfield, N.H.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955

Summary

Cash on Hand July 1, 1954 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$ 267.52
Received from Selectmen (include only amounts actually received)	
Current Appropriation	\$22,000.00
Advance on Next Year's Appropriation	2,200.00
Received from State Treasurer	
State Funds	908.17
Federal Funds	578.28
 Total Receipts	 \$25,686.45
 Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year (Balance & Receipts)	 \$25,953.97
 Less School Board Orders Paid	 \$25,915.25
 Balance on Hand June 31, 1955 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	 38.62
 GLADYS A. LOCKE	
July 12, 1955	District Treasurer

Auditors' Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Litchfield, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 and find them correct in all respects.

HELEN M. PARKER
EDWIN B. HILL

July 15, 1955

Auditors

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE
LITCHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

Receipts

Federal Aid	
National School Lunch	\$ 578.28
State Aid	
Foundation Aid	908.17
Local Taxation	
Current Appropriation	\$21,633.50
Advance on next year's appropriation	2,200.00
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Total Receipts from all sources	\$25,319.95
Cash on Hand July 1, 1954	267.52
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	\$25,587.47

Payments

Administration	
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 192.00
Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)	173.25
Tax for State Wide Supervision	162.00
Salaries of Other Administrative Pers.	180.76
Supplies and Expenses	202.07
Instruction	
Teachers Salaries	10,550.84
Books & Other Instructional Aids	340.42
Scholars Supplies	402.72
Supplies and other Expenses	146.36
Operation of School Plant	
Salaries of Custodians	732.00
Fuel or Heat	698.03
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	428.16
Maintenance of School Plant	
Repairs & Replacements	222.36
Auxiliary Activities	
Health Supervision	183.13
Transportation	2,700.00
Tuition	4,429.86
Special Activities	
School Lunch	2,095.68

Fixed Charges	
Retirement	446.94
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses	10.00
Capital Outlay	
Lands & New Buildings	22.00
Additions and Improvements	323.29
New Equipment	906.98
Total Net Payments for all Purposes	\$25,548.85
Cash on Hand (June 30, 1955)	38.62
Grand Total Net Payments	\$25,587.47

BALANCE SHEET, JUNE 30, 1955

Cash on hand (June 30, 1955)	\$ 38.62
Total Assets	38.62
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities Over Assets)	3,334.20
Grand Total	\$3,372.82

Liabilities

Accounts owed by District (Specify)	
Advance on 55-56 Appropriation	\$2,200.00
Outstanding bills	1,172.82
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Surplus (Excess of Assets Over Liabilities)	\$3,372.82
Grand Total	\$3,372.82

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

MRS. OLIVE CAMPBELL
 MR. CLIFFORD MacDOUGALL
 MR. LEON C. CALAWA, JR.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

Receipts

Balance in Bank	\$ 267.52
Lunch Fund from State Treasurer	578.28
State Aid	908.17
Appropriation	22,000.00
Advance on 1955-1956 Approp.	2,200.00

	\$25,953.97

Payments

Charles Boska	\$ 2,663.30
Esther Clark	1,910.57
Ruth B. Hastings	773.97
Margaret Tetreault	1,983.20
Thelma Gibson	994.87
Elizabeth Morrill	273.80
Catherine Hammond	180.00
Newell B. Carney	700.00
Margaret Cronin	157.28
Colby Brothers	2,700.00
Florence Center	96.00
Mrs. J. Mellen	32.00
Mary Haight	720.00
Treffle Marson	581.25
Mrs. Fay MacDougall	18.75
Mrs. R. McLaughlin	8.00
Olive Campbell	40.00
Clifford MacDougall	40.00
Bertha Crowell	50.00
William G. Parker Co.	10.00
Arnold Campbell	19.00
N. E. Tel & Tel. Co.	100.40
Public Service Co. of N. H.	232.22
J. I. Holcomb Manufacturing Co.	95.43
Community Gas Co., Inc.	93.30
Leonard S. Morrison	1.52
James Printing Co.	85.00
Johnson's Electric Supply	19.92
Percy J. Callaghan Pharm. D.	12.80

N. H. S. T. A.	24.00
Edmond J. Houle	4.00
Collector of Internal Revenue	780.10
Rinehart Handwriting System	292.50
Beckley-Cardy Co.	22.91
The Macmillan Co.	36.48
Silver Burdett Co.	29.92
The Sugar Ball Press	2.18
Follett Publishing Co.	29.71
Houghton Mifflin Co.	33.03
Baker Science Packets	3.50
Scott Foresman & Co.	217.15
Philip Morris & Co.	11.87
Milton Bradley Co.	183.09
World Book Co.	2.75
Twombly Associates, Inc.	377.55
Gledhill Bro., Inc.	428.60
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	961.22
Maxfield Press	57.50
Row, Peterson & Co.	5.88
Martin & Murray Co.	40.70
American Education Publication	76.60
California Test Bureau	27.02
Park's Inc.	663.53
Newell B. Carney	1.41
H. L. Sheperd	14.62
City of Manchester	600.00
Frederick Goffe Treas. of Library Fund	407.40
State Treasurer	454.95
Bessie Linscott Sup. Union No. 27	171.15
Mary Haight School Lunch	578.28
Keene Teachers College	.60
Central Paper Products Co.	29.75
Jeannotte Brothers	2.00
Cascade Paper Company	12.34
City of Nashua	1,500.00
Pioneer Office Appliance Co.	85.00
Henry J. Hastings	172.79
Washington National Insurance	31.50
N. H. Distributing Agency	24.61
C. S. Hammond & Co.	25.36
Henry S. Wolkins Co.	9.80
Tri-State Office Equipment Co., Inc.	7.80

Fitch Murray Co., Inc.	1.80
Lewis Goffe School Census 1954	10.00
Town of Hudson	2,329.86
MacLeod Company	2.00
Maurice A. Broderick	22.00
Charles Boska	.68
David Campbell	5.00
Earley's	4.00
Elementary Evaluative Criteria	1.50
Hammar Hardware Co.	18.22
Town of Litchfield	366.50
Telegraph Publishing Company	5.10
Charles Boska Graduation Expenses	35.00
Gladys A. Locke Salary & Expenses	47.76
Helen M. Parker	6.00
Edwin Hill	6.00
R. Emery Smith	1.00
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	\$25,915.35

GLADYS A. LOCKE

Treasurer

Audited and Approved, July 15, 1955

HELEN M. PARKER
EDWIN B. HILL

Auditors

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT LITCHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the School Board and Citizens of Litchfield:

It gives me pleasure to submit my first annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

Litchfield has every right to be proud of its efforts to provide educational facilities for its future citizens. The new three room addition has proven its worth in its first year of operation as a functional well planned unit. The town was indeed fortunate in having as its general contractor a local man who took personal interest in the school and who would provide many of the little extras not called for in the contract itself. Such local cooperation can only result in two things, "A Better School and A Better Community", which are at the very foundations of American democracy.

Litchfield's instructional program this year has been based on good basic educational procedure. The entire staff under the leadership of Mr. Boska as Principal has taken a professional interest in their work and each teacher has been a growing teacher. Their combined efforts to uphold past standards and improve present standards of instruction has been greatly appreciated by your Superintendent and it is his opinion that the pupils of the Litchfield Elementary School are very well prepared to carry on their education in any high school which they might choose to enter.

A careful survey of the pupil enrollment table included as part of this report will show that Litchfield should look forward to the hiring of an additional teacher for the school year 1957-58, where twenty or more pupils are entering each year it means that combined grades will become forty or more which doesn't provide for the best of instruction. If the grade enrollment trend continues the year 1956-57 will be the last in which five teachers will suffice.

The election of Mr. John W. McGrath as Helping Teacher in Supervisory Union No. 27 has been a definite step in the right direction. In order to make Mr. McGrath's work definite, he has been put in charge of instruction in the

various school districts. It is his job to work with and help the individual teachers, to survey instructional facilities and work with your Superintendent in building a better overall educational program. As his report follows, I shall only say that he has done his work exceedingly well and that the instructional level of our school has improved through his conscientious efforts.

The enlarging of the Cafeteria with its newly arranged kitchen area has given your school one of the most functional small School Lunch Cafeteria in the state. It has not only served to make work easier for your cafeteria workers but has allowed them to use that extra time for the program. Thanks to Mrs. Haight and Mr. Marsan your children are well fed, which is bound to show in good health and general classroom behavior. A good school lunch is a vital part of a schools health and instructional program.

Your School Board is vitally interested in your school and its children and has done all it possibly could to provide your children with the necessary tools of instruction. It has been a pleasure working with them in a cooperative attempt to make Litchfield's school everything we could wish it to be. Such cooperation between School Board, Teachers, pupils and parents has made my work a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS L. RAMSAY

Superintendent of Schools

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT 1955
School District of Litchfield, N. H.
Expenditures (1955-56)

Current Expenditures	\$28,142.63
Capital Outlay (Specify — do not include appropriations to be met from sale of notes or bonds)	
New Equipment	300.00
Debt & Interest	1,050.00
Deficiency Appropriation	3,000.00
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Total Appropriation (including appropriation voted at Special Meetings)	\$32,492.63
Receipts (1955-56)	
State Aid, December, 1955,	
Allotment (Estimate)	492.63
Assessment Required to Meet School District Appropriation	32,000.00
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Total Appropriation (including Appropriation voted at Special Meetings)	\$32,492.63

Certificates

To the Board of Selectmen:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Litchfield school district held March 4, 1955.

LEWIS GOFFE

June 10, 1955

Clerk of the School District

To the State Department of Education:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the financial proceedings of the district for the school year 1955-56, and that copies of this statement have been filed with the chairman of the board of selectmen and entered in the records of the school board in accordance with N. H. Laws of 1951, Chapter 37, Section 2.

MRS. OLIVE CAMPBELL
Chairman of the School Board

June 10, 1955

TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT

Teachers	Contract Salary	Salary Less Deductions
Charles Boska	\$2,900.00	\$2,663.30
Esther Clark	2,500.00	1,910.57
Thelma Gibson	1,250.00	912.49
Catherine Hammond	180.00	180.00
Ruth Hastings	1,250.00	773.97
Elizabeth Morrill	300.00	273.80
Margaret Tetreault	2,550.00	1,983.20

ENUMERATION OF CHILDREN UNDER 18

September 1, 1955

Grade	Litchfield School	Other Schools	Total	Grand Total in Litchfield School
12*		5	5	
11		4	4	
10		8	8	
9		6	6	
8	8	1	9	
7	13	0	13	
6	12	0	12	
5	11	1	12	
4	12	1	13	
3	20	1	21	
2	20	2	22	
1				
1955-56	21	5	26	117
1956-57	17	1	18	126
1957-58	14	0	14	127
1958-59	12	1	13	127
1959-60	17	0	17	133
1960-61	12	2	14	133
1961-62	**	**	5	**
Others			5	
Grand Total			237	

*One high school student over eighteen not counted in this census

**Statistics for this year were incomplete on September 1, 1955.

HEALTH REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Board
of Litchfield:

Number of children examined 185.

	Number defects found	Number corrected
Vision	3	3
Hearing	3	Lip reading classes
Speech	6	Speech Corrections classes
Teeth	56	39
Tonsils	1	1
Chicken Pox	8	
Measles	31	
Mumps		

Polio Vaccine (Salk) May 26th given 20 pupils.

Registration Day June 3, 13 pupils registered.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. CRONIN, R.N.

School Nurse

LITCHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Comparative Enrollment

1955-56 & 1956-57

Grade—55-56	56-57
1 20	20? 1st
2 22	20/10 combination 2nd*
3 & 4 17/12 combination	12/17 combination 3d & 4th
5 & 6 10/12 combination	12/10 comb. 5th & 6th
7 & 8 13/7 combination	12/13 comb. 7th & 8th
<hr/> 113	<hr/> 126
Total Classrooms 5	5
Total Enrollment 113	
Total Teachers 5	5
Total Comb. grades 3	4

*Slow third to go with advanced second group.

February 1, 1955

Hudson, N. H.

Mr. Louis L. Ramsay
Superintendent of Schools
Litchfield School District
Litchfield, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my annual report as Helping Teacher for the Litchfield School District. I have divided my report into two major categories:

(1) Present Status of the Curriculum, and (2) Future Planning for the Curriculum. Further subdivisions have been incorporated for clarity.

Many people have not been able, as yet to clarify the positions of Helping Teacher. Shall it suffice to say that the Helping Teacher's role of counselor specialist and consultant to the professional staff, school board, parents, and to the community at large has one major objective, and that is the **improvement** of the educational growth and development of the children in our schools.

Much credit for hard and diligent work must be awarded to the teachers who formulate and carry out the curriculum that at present is instituted in our schools. They are always aware that in working with pupils — humans — they must be ever diligent about improvement in all the aspects of the curriculum.

I shall analyze our present situation in the schools of the District. An attempt will also be made to direct your attention to the future plans that are now, in many instances, in the embryonic or "thinking" stages. We hope all our plans will crystallize and, thus, perhaps, improve the total program.

(1) Present Status of the Curriculum:

(a) READING:

The Scott-Foresman system of basal readers is proving its worth. This is an extensive and expensive cumulative reading program which seems to produce readers who can, in most cases, read to capacity. Those children who can't read to capacity after being skillfully guided through this program are really out of the realm of solution of the or-

dinary classroom teachers. They are our unfortunate remedial cases. There is much strength in our reading program in Litchfield, thanks to the publishers of our program and the conscientious work of the teachers. Litchfield parents should be satisfied, in general, with the results of reading instruction in their schools.

(b) LANGUAGE:

Progress in this area has been generally satisfactory. More vital "life" needs to be injected into the McKee Language Program.

(c) SPELLING:

This is rapidly becoming as controversial an area as reading. We are fortunate! The teachers have done a more than acceptable "job" with our spelling program. **The Pupils Own Vocabulary Spellers**, which we use in grades two through eight, have proved to be a wise ascession. We have little about which to worry in this area! We are teaching spelling effectively!

(d) GUIDANCE

A testing program has been instituted. In grades 1, 4, 8, and 10 intelligence tests will be administered each year during the month of September. In grade 1 the California Mental Maturity, Primary Test Form; test is used; in grades 4, 8, and 10 the California Short Form Tests of Mental Maturity are used—elementary advanced, and adult forms respectively. This is to become an annual affair.

Achievement testing in the Spring has been instituted and if this year's success is a measure of the usefulness of the program, I am positive that no one will be able to refute its necessity. In grades 1 and 2 the California Reading Test is administered; in grades 3 the California Achievement Battery, Primary Form (reading, arithmetic, and language) is administered. In grades 4, 5, and 6 the California Achievement Battery, Intermediate Form (reading, arithmetic, and Language) is administered.

Cumulative records and the wealth of information that goes with each one have been instituted for all children. I am sure their usefulness will be felt in the future by our own schools and faculties and asuredly by the high schools to which out students are eventually graduated.

(f) ARITHMETIC:

Surprising as it may seem, at many grade levels we are ahead of where we should be in this area. However, overall sound concepts and understanding are being made to provide a solid arithmetical base for future life and future mathematical endeavors. Either teachers extremely like or dislike this area. We, on the whole, are fortunate that most of the Litchfield teachers seem to give this area its just accent in the total program.

(g) SCIENCE:

We are in poor condition! Future plans are mentioned later. However, we have an exceedingly strong program in grades seven and eight.

(h) SOCIAL STUDIES:

In grades one through three we have and are attempting to follow the state curriculum and ordinarily—no texts are required. The curriculum develops from a home understanding to a home—school—community understanding. In grades four through six we employ the Follett series which builds an extension of the primary studies and develops understanding of the community, state, New England, the nation, and American neighbors. This is a more than satisfactory and acceptable program.

(i) HANDWRITING:

This is a sadly neglected area, in general, of our language program. No specific system is employed. For sound educational purposes manuscript writing is usually taught in grades one through halfway through the third. After the halfway mark of the third year has been reached, the program usually shifts to cursive writing. This all is sound educational practice. Our program in the primary grade is on a sound basis. This area tends to receive less attention within the intermediate grades when other influences enter. Unfortunately, we are unable to continue our past program which was under the supervision of the Rinehart Handwriting System of Waltham.

(2) Future Planning for the Curriculum:

(a) SCIENCE:

Naturally, this is a deplorably ignored area. We are normal and following a national trend. However, next year we hope to adopt a strong cumulative program. The teachers are now examining science programs for grades one through six; a strengthening for this area is necessary for next year!

(b) LANGUAGE:

Much discussion and revision is needed to produce a program in the Language area which stresses the skills on an equal basis with the social competencies to be gained. This is a major fault of the present program. This area deserves more attention!

(c) HANDWRITING:

Already the teachers are aware of the lack and the needs in this area. The Board has investigated this discrepancy and, until such a time as we can afford better, we shall proceed with a self-administered program. However, we shall need to give this area more just and deserved consideration and accent in relation to our total elementary program. It is hoped we may return to the satisfactory Rinehart System.

(d) OVERALL:

Much planning and thinking about the curriculum is evidenced by what our teachers are producing. I am sure this constant and productive planning for the curriculum will continue as in the past.

This has been a rewarding year for the Helping Teacher. The wonderful cooperation of the Superintendent, Principal, Teachers, School Board Members, parents, and Citizens of Litchfield have made it possible to do the Job of "helping" with dispatch and meaning.

Respectively submitted,

JOHN W. McGRATH,

Helping Teacher

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES

Wesley Lamper of Litchfield and Pauline Caron of Manchester, were married in Litchfield, January 9, 1955.

Donald Ferren of Errol and Gloria Colby of Litchfield were married in Litchfield, March 5, 1955.

Kenwood Thebodeau of Hudson and Leah Campbell of Litchfield were married in Litchfield, June 11, 1955.

Philip Campbell of Nashua and Frances Chimiklis of Litchfield were married in Nashua, August 27, 1955.

Walter Kennedy of Hudson and Gertrude Martin of Litchfield were married in Hudson, December 19, 1955.

BIRTHS

Marion Ruth, born to Mr. and Mrs. James T. Colby, Jr., in Nashua, May 31, 1955.

Sherry, born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lamper in Manchester, June 26, 1955.

John Jr., born to Mr. and Mrs. John Reed, in Nashua, July 23, 1955.

Baby Leary, born to Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Leary in Nashua, July 30, 1955.

Elizabeth Ann, born to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hale, in Nashua, November 9, 1955.

Kevin James, born to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lamper in Manchester, November 19, 1955.

John Lee, born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayes, Jr., in Nashua, December 25, 1955.

DEATHS

Donald Lynch, died in Manchester, January 24, 1955,
age 22 years.

Amedee Bilodeau, died in Goffstown, May 25, 1955, age
55 years.

James A. Colby, died in Nashua, July 20, 1955, age 91

Wilfred Allan, died in Nashua, September 16, 1955,
age 57 years.

John Reed, Jr., died in Boston, October 11, 1955, age
2 months.

James T. Colby, 3rd, died in Manchester, October 19, 1955,
age 13 years.

